



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BLVD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012**

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Stan Koczka, Chair
Harry Schlegelmilch, Vice Chair
Jeanne Alspaugh, Commissioner
David Brown, Commissioner
Virginia Harris, Commissioner
Michael Seiden, Commissioner
Anne Wurth, Commissioner

STAFF: Jan Cameron, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Director
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, LPC Parks and Recreation Manager
Jessica Watkins Miller

GUEST: Cynthia Wenstrom, Principles for Civil Dialogue Chair

Call to Order

Chair Koczka called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call

A formal roll call noted the presence of a quorum. Chair Koczka welcomed Commissioner Michael Seiden who was recently appointed by City Council.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to comment.

Moment of Silence

The Commission observed a moment of silence.

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1. Approval of the Minutes

a) Regular Meeting: October 3, 2012

VICE CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0), WITH CHAIR KOCZKA AND COMMISSIONER SEIDEN ABSTAINING.

2. Scottsdale Leadership's Principles for Civil Dialogue Initiative

Cynthia Wenstrom, Principles for Civil Dialogue Chair, explained that Scottsdale Leadership developed the Principles for Civil Dialogue initiative as part of its mission to inform, inspire, and empower leaders to champion and strengthen the interests of the community. The initiative enjoys the full support of Mayor Lane and City Council. The principles generally state that members of the Scottsdale community will genuinely listen to others, speak respectfully, and be accountable for their words and actions. The purpose is not to squash communication, but to remind people of the value of speaking civilly to one another. Ms. Wenstrom listed some of the organizations that have adopted or endorsed the principles, and requested that the Commission consider doing so as well.

Commissioners asked questions and submitted comments. Vice Chair Schlegelmilch discussed the importance of upholding the principles during Commission meetings.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLES OF CIVIL DIALOGUE AS PART OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

3. Proposed Bond Projects

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, summarized proposed bond projects being considered by the Scottsdale Bond Task Force. Aware of the lack of revenue to fund a robust capital project budget, Community Services selected projects for the proposed 2013 Bond that would create savings and efficiencies and address developing infrastructure needs, while having a minimal impact on the operating budget. The projects are for library technology improvements, replacement of aquatic chemical systems, expansion of two senior centers, renovation of one aging park, and the replacement of several ballfield lighting systems. The December 11, 2012 meeting of the Bond Task Force will be pivotal for public feedback.

Commissioners asked questions and submitted comments. Vice Chair Schlegelmilch noted the need for more space at the senior centers.

VICE CHAIR SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIVE PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER SEIDEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

4. Operating Budget Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Barnard provided an update on several operating budget infrastructure improvement projects that were approved by City Council in the FY2012/2013 budget. Earlier this year, City Council had an opportunity to reallocate unexpected revenue, and chose to fund the replacement of ballfield lighting, pool equipment, playground equipment and shading, and to resurface tennis and basketball courts.

Commissioners asked questions and submitted comments. Mr. Barnard explained that on site chlorine generation systems offer greater efficiency and eliminate transportation and storage challenges posed by other types of systems. He projected that all allocated money would be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

5. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Harris discussed the RailFair and Chaparral Dog Park. Commissioner Alspaugh requested an agenda item to discuss the role of Kira Peters.

6. Director's Report of Current Events (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, requested one Commissioner to represent the Commission on the internal staff committee tasked with reviewing fees and charges. The strategic planning session scheduled for Thursday November 8 welcomes the participation of two Commissioners for the full day event.

Ms. Cameron highlighted staffing changes that occurred throughout the department over the past eight months. She reported that Mayor Lane proclaimed October 18 as Lights on After School Day to endorse and promote the value of after school programs. October 18 is also the date of the Mayor and Council Breakfast, one of several activities celebrating the completion of Tom's Thumb Trailhead. The 43rd Annual Fall Festival will occur on October 31 at the El Dorado ballfields. The official Veteran's Day observation occurs on November 9 at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The Scottsdale Shares campaign will make it easier for residents to get information on and donate to the city's charitable programs. The next Commission meeting will be on November 7 at El Dorado Park.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

Meets established criteria,
Janice M. Cameron
Parks, Recreation and Human Services Director

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